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PRODUCT REVIEW: ICOM IC-703+ Transceiver

..... One of the best QRP transceivers made! I have added several reviews and comparisons with the very popular Yaesu FT-817 I have both and really like the 703 because I can read the display better and it has a built in tuner. Like Ford vs Chevrolet?

The **IC-703**, is almost twice the weight of the **FT-817**, doesn't run on internal batteries and the current model doesn't cover 2m or 70cms. Yet in spite of these **differences**, it's very much an alternative to the **FT817** designed from understanding the way amateurs started to use small HF portable transceivers.

<https://yaesu817.com/wp/icom-703-vs-ft-817/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEuX_bSwADw

Youtube video comparison. Both have their pros and cons.



RADIO HISTORY: AMATEUR RADIO DURING WWII.

Lots of things I didn't know ! Great reading !

<https://www.w9wsu.com/?p=1054>



HOW TO: BUILD A SIMPLE 6 METER ANTENNA!

Spring is here and summer not to far off . You don't want to miss the fun of operating on 6 meters. When the band is opened you can work the world with low power and a simple antenna and you

don't have to spend much money !

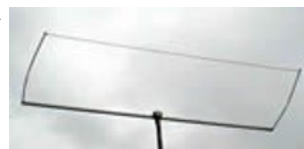
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4K5Vj6wtpE0> (K7AGE 6 meter dipole build.)

<http://www.csgnetwork.com/antennaedcalc.html> (Antenna calculator.)

<http://www.parelectronics.com/omnis.php>

Great company to deal with and the products work ! I have several of Dale's antennas. If you want to build from off the shelf parts then buy the **MFJ 347** dipole mount and buy 2 - 6 meter ham sticks or buy 2 telescoping elements so you can use on other bands. MFJ makes them from 4.5' - 17.0' your choice Or you can buy an **MFJ 1896** Moxon antenna for 6.

Once you start making contacts you will become addicted, have fun!



As always we hope you enjoy these Mini Statics !

Stay tuned,

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